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SUBJECT: ARMS SEIZURES AND ARRESTS IN BALUCHISTAN

1. RADIO PAKISTAN AND AFTERNOON PAPERS MARCH 4 CARRY APP REPORT TO EFFECT THAT "A HUGE QUANTITY OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION INCLUDING RIFLES, PLASTIC BOMBS, TIME BOMBS, DETONATORS, STENGUNS, HAND GRENADES, AND 303 RIFLES" HAS BEEN FOUND BY POLICE IN VARIOUS PARTS OF BALUCHISTAN. MOST WERE SEIZED MARCH 4 FROM ZARIF HOSTEL OF BALUCHISTAN UNIVERSITY AT QUETTA, WHICH IS NOW CLOSED FOR ANNUAL VACATIONS. RADIO PAKISTAN ADDS THAT 40 SUSPECTS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED THUS FAR, WITH ADDITIONAL ARRESTS EXPECTED SOON.

2. IN OTHER BALUCHISTAN DEVELOPMENTS, ONE ABDUR REHMAN, ACCUSED OF COMPLICITY IN THE QILA SAIFULLAH BOMB BLAST FOUR MONTHS AGO, HAS REPORTEDLY ESCAPED FROM POLICE CUSTODY. AUTHORITIES ON MARCH 3 LIFTED HOUSE ARREST ORDER AGAINST PRINCE AGHA ABDUL KARIM, MEMBER OF THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY (MPA) ELECTED ON THE NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY/(NAP) TICKET. KARIM, OFTEN DESCRIBED AS A LEADER OF A "MODERATE" UNCLASSIFIED

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GROUP OF MPA'S ORIGINALLY ELECTED ON NAP TICKETS IS A YOUNGER
BROTHER OF THE KHAN OF KALAT, NOW GOVERNOR OF BALUCHSITAN.
A HOUSE ARREST ORDER AGAINST SHER ALI KHAN, ANOTHER MODERATE
MPA ORIGINALLY ELECTED ON THE NAP TICKET, WAS LIFTED
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